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Dear Colleagues:

In this week in which we reflect on our many blessings, I am grateful to be a part of this community and to have colleagues who devote their professional lives to serving our students and to helping them achieve their dreams and ambitions. I wish you safe travels, good food shared with family and friends, and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Annette

### Publications

**Sara Rankin, Lisa Brodoff, and Mary Bowman's** article, "We Have a Dream: Integrating Skills Courses and Public Interest Work in the First Year of Law School (and Beyond)," was published in the Chapman Law Review.

**Sara Rankin's** article, "The Fully Formed Lawyer: Why Law Schools Should Require Public Service to Better Prepare Students for Private Practice," was published in the Chapman Law Review.

### Presentations

**Deborah Ahrens and Brooke Coleman** presented last week at the Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference at BYU School of Law.

**Tayyab Mahmud** made a presentation, "Political Economy of Security," at the Economics Department of Seattle University. He also presented a paper, "Grasping Debt: Towards Decolonization of Time," at the opening plenary of

### Upcoming Events

#### [Thanksgiving – Sullivan Hall Closed](#)

Thursday & Friday,  
November 28-29  
Sullivan Hall

#### [Annual Holiday Reception](#)

Wednesday, December 4  
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., The  
Rainier Club

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website for more [upcoming events](#).

ClassCrit VI Workshop Stuck in Forward: Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political at Southwestern Law School.

**Catherine O'Neill** delivered the keynote talk for the plenary session at the Lake Roosevelt Forum conference November 19-20 in Spokane. The interdisciplinary conference addressed issues of environmental and natural resources management in the Upper Columbia Basin. Catherine's talk was "Clean Waters, Healthy Fish: Washington's Regulatory Effort."

**Sara Rankin's** presentation, "Can Law Schools Prepare Students to be Practice Ready?" was published as a transcript in the most recent volume of the Chapman Law Review.

**Anna Roberts** presented her article, "Impeachment by Unreliable Conviction," at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology held in Atlanta.

**Julie Shapiro** made a presentation on "Constitutional Claims in Instances of Assisted Reproduction," for the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys annual meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Lisa Young** co-chaired the West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Teaching, Scholarship, and Service Conference at the University of San Diego. She also presented, "Empowering Success: Crafting Personal Goals, Objectives, and Creating a Personal Board of Directors."

## Other news

**Lori Bannai** was appointed to a four-year term on the State Minority and Justice Commission, a commission of the Washington Supreme Court whose mission is to address issues of racial and ethnic bias in the Washington court system.

**Margaret Fisher** has agreed to serve as an academic reviewer of a major revision to a U.S. Government textbook for high school students published by McGraw-Hill Education.

**Carmen Gonzalez's**, *Presumed Incompetent* (co-edited by Professor Gonzalez and others), received a very favorable review in *Transnational Literature*, an academic journal published by Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. The review is available at [http://dspace.flinders.edu.au/jspui/bitstream/2328/27109/1/Presumed\\_Incompetent.pdf](http://dspace.flinders.edu.au/jspui/bitstream/2328/27109/1/Presumed_Incompetent.pdf). She received another review in *The Review of Higher Education*, which

can be found at

[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/review\\_of\\_higher\\_education/v037/37.2.richardson.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/review_of_higher_education/v037/37.2.richardson.html).

**Fé Lopez** was appointed to Mayor-elect Murray's transition team. The transition team's charge is to help the Mayor-elect "build a diverse and inclusive administration that serves all of Seattle."

**Tayyab Mahmud** commented on the book, "Who Stole the American Dream?" following a presentation by the book's author, New York Times correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner Hedrick Smith, at an event organized by the Albers School of Business and Economics.

**Jim Rosenfeld** was chosen by the California Office of Administrative Hearings to organize and administer a training for all of its administrative law judges in Sacramento, in January

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to [Katie Carcamo](#) in the Dean's Office.